

REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on February 5, 2008.

Claim 29 is amended, and claims 1-28 are canceled. Claims 29-40 are added, and as a result claims 29-40 are now pending in this application. Support for the new claims is as follows:

Claim 29 is amended to fix a typographical error.

Claim 30 is supported by- original claim 2.

Claim 31 is supported by- original claim 3.

Claim 32 is supported by- original claim 6.

Claim 33 is supported by- original claim 7.

Claim 34 is supported by- original claim 8.

Claim 35 is supported by- original claim 9.

Claim 36 is supported by- original claim 10.

Claim 37 is supported by- original claim 11.

Claim 38 is supported by- original claim 12.

Claim 39 is supported by- original claim 24.

Claim 40 is supported by- original claim 25.

Examiner Interview

The Examiner is thanked for the interview on February 5th, 2008 regarding the present Final Office Action. In attendance were Applicants' counsel Theodore C. McCullough and Examiner Smith. Examiner Smith reviewed the proposed amendments and arguments, and made suggestions as to claim language. Claim 29 was deemed allowable. No agreement was reached with respect to the remaining claims.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

According to MPEP 2143.03:

If an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. 103, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988)).

Here, independent claim 29 was allowed. New claims 30 through 40 depend upon allowed claim 29. Further, the rejection of claims 1-28 is moot in light of the canceled claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 29 through 40 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney (408) 278-4057 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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